

# St George's Library / Researchers' Support Programme



The Library can support researchers in many different ways throughout the research lifecycle, from funding application through to open access deposit. To help researchers benefit from the full range of resources and services that the Library offers we have developed a support programme of skills sessions.

## About the Programme

The programme consists of a series of bookable courses that can be attended either as stand-alone sessions or as part of a comprehensive programme.

The sessions are designed to help you:

- Find and access published research
- Evaluate and manage the research
- Stay current with research in your area
- Assess and improve your research visibility
- Understand Open Access
- Plan and implement Data Management

## Booking

Sessions will run throughout the academic year and can be booked by emailing: [liaison@sgul.ac.uk](mailto:liaison@sgul.ac.uk)

## Programme

### Finding and accessing the research

Getting Results: Finding healthcare literature for your learning and research

Tue 23rd July 11:00 -12:30  
Wed 14th August 2:00 -3:30  
Mon 9th September 11:00 -12:30

This course will guide you through the process of planning and executing a literature search using specialist search tools such as Ovid and EBSCO. At the end of the session you'll be able to:

- Create and plan a search strategy using keywords and Subject Headings
- Use your strategy in databases such as Medline, Embase, or CINAHL
- Know how to refine your results to make them more relevant
- Save your search and set up alerts to help keep you up-to-date with your topic

## Evaluating and managing the research

Systematic reviews /  
Finding and managing the  
evidence

Wed 24th July 1:00 – 4:00  
Thu 29th August 10:00 – 1:00  
Wed 18th September 10:00 – 1:00

This course will focus on in-depth literature searching for systematic reviewers and how to manage your results.

An Introduction to Critical Appraisal

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[liaison@sgul.ac.uk](mailto:liaison@sgul.ac.uk) to book

This course will introduce the concepts of critical appraisal and give an overview of the tools and techniques which can be used in this process.

Managing your references using  
RefWorks

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RefWorks is a web-based reference management application. Learn how to use this tool to save and manage your bibliographic references, create and share bibliographies, and insert citations and generate reference lists in Word documents. (Please note it is not available to NHS staff).

IT Training

See the IT training pages on the  
Library website

Find out how to use the features of the different software programmes available via SGUL to help manage, analyse and communicate your research.

## Staying current

Keeping up-to-date

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This training course covers a range of services that will help you keep up to date, from the traditional (search alerts, table of contents services), to using new social media to stay current.

## Research visibility

Citation Metrics – an overview

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This session will provide an overview of the more traditional citation metrics, such as the journal impact factor and h-index, together with the more recent alternative metrics, for example: those provided by Altmetrics.

## Understanding Open Access

### Open Access

For more information please email: [openaccess@sgul.ac.uk](mailto:openaccess@sgul.ac.uk)

With open access increasingly mandated by major research funders and our institution, we are here to help you understand your open access publishing options, and how to meet your funder's open access requirements. This includes guidance to ensure your publications are eligible for REF2021.

### CRIS and SORA

For further assistance please e-mail the SGUL Repository Team: [sora@sgul.ac.uk](mailto:sora@sgul.ac.uk)

If you need guidance using the SGUL's Current Research Information System (CRIS) or on how to make your research papers available via St George's Online Research Archive (SORA – the institutional repository), get in touch. The copyright conditions are checked before your papers are made available. Papers in SORA are publicly accessible, and indexed by search engines including Google, allowing greater visibility and reuse of your research.

## Research Data Management

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For more information please e-mail [researchdata@sgul.ac.uk](mailto:researchdata@sgul.ac.uk)

The Research Data Management Service provides support and guidance for researchers writing data management plans as part of grant applications. We also provide guidance and training on documenting, storing, sharing and preserving research data in accordance with best practice and funder/publisher requirements.

## Further information

To check the dates of future sessions, visit the Training pages on the Library website:

<http://library.sgul.ac.uk/training>

If you would like more information about the programme please contact: [kjohn@sgul.ac.uk](mailto:kjohn@sgul.ac.uk)